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## DODGES AND POLITICS

By Earl F. Dodge

### MASSACHUSETTS NAME CHANGES, 1780-1892.

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Note there are no exact dates that these events occurred, nor the birthdates or birthplaces of these people - just interesting information.

“ List of persons whose names have been changed in This Commonwealth:

"That from and after the passing of this act, the several persons herein named, shall be known and called by the names they are hereby respectively allowed to assume, viz.:

That **Rufus Stillman Dodge**, may take the name of **Stillman Dodge**, all of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk.

That **Harriet Church Dodge**, of Hamilton, may take the name of **Phebe Ann Blanchard Faulkner**.

That **Calvin Dodge**, of Groton, may take the name of **Ira Thayer**.

"And the several persons

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In 1952 I organized a Taft for President Committee in Weston, Massachusetts. Later that year I joined the Prohibition Party. That led to a lifetime of involvement politically. Some twenty-one years ago I began buying and selling political items from all parties and I now earn my living that way.

I have been a candidate for President six times counting this election. Many other Dodges have been involved politically over the years. William Earl Dodge of Phelps-Dodge Copper Co. fame and Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, builder of the Union Pacific Railroad both served in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dodge political activity began with the first American

Dodge, William, who arrived in 1629. He served as a Selectman (councilman) and held other offices in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Also included is a letter from General Dodge to Gen. Sherman asking him to actively back General Grant for President in 1868. The letter is written on stationery of the 40<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress

Governor Henry Dodge, the first Territorial Governor of Wisconsin and his son Augustus who served as a U.S. Senator from Iowa made political history by being the first, and so far as we know, only father and son combination to serve in the U.S. Senate together. Henry was elected to the Senate after his service as Governor was over.

George Dodge of Hampton, New Hampshire was a Prohibition candidate for Governor

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Our Dodge Family Library includes a frame with period card photos of Generals Dodge, Grant and Sherman.

## New Boston, NH, Photo Album For Sale

A family associated with Wenham, Andover, and Topsfield, Massachusetts, and New Boston, New Hampshire, was that of Solomon Dodge and



Mr. Solomon Dodge

Hannah Dodge, his wife. Solomon's parents were Phineas Dodge and Martha Edward. At some point, Solomon Dodge, Jr. moved to New Boston, New Hampshire where at least some of his children were born.

Just recently, we received notice from David M. Rider, that he is selling a Dodge Family CDV/ Tintype Photo Album. The present owner paid \$250 for this album and is willing to sell it for what he paid for it. This would be a very special and valuable asset to any descendent of Solomon Dodge and his wife, Elizabeth Dodge, both of New Boston, New Hampshire. There are also many names in this listed



Solomon Dodge Jr.

in the Album. We THINK, but are not sure if pictures are in the album for all these

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**SAND IN MY SHOES**

by  
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Joel Palmer Dodge's ancestry was Joel P. Dodge/Hannah Cutler, Benjamin Dodge/Tabitha Dodge, and all the way back to Tristram through Tabitha. Unfortunately, we do not yet know Benjamin Dodge's ancestry. For your enjoyment, here are two pictures sent to the Dodge Family Association: Joel Palmer Dodge and his wife, Mary Vincent Dodge.



*(Name Changes — Continued from page 1)* herein named shall hereafter be called and known by the names, which, by this act, they are respectively allowed to assume as aforesaid, and the same shall be considered as their only proper and legal names."

**So, here is another example of the importance of DNA. Some people today with the last name of Thayer may be Dodges!**

**Dodge Family Association helps a 90 year old Dodge in Australia find his roots.**

A few years ago, Judy and Ralph Dodge met Edward Dodge who lives in Queensland, Australia. His mother had married Augustus Charles Dodge and when Edward was just a couple years old, Augustus disappeared. At that time, Judy e-mailed us to see if we could help. We gave her the family that we thought were the ancestors, but we only had early family members and nothing that could tie Edward's father in to this family.

Just a few days ago, Judy e-mailed us again as they had once again, gone to Queensland to visit Edward who is now 90 years old. Once again, she sent the information on his father, but this time, she also sent information that a genealogist had found in an English census. There it was again...so much name recognition and with only one family in our World Data Base, that of the family of William Dodge and Catherine, his wife, with family ties to Yeoville which is near Middle Chinnock.

Knowing that our English member, David W. Dodge had descended from this family, and that his DNA showed that he is in the same Dodge line as Dodges in this country who have descended from John in Middle Chinnock, we immediately sent the e-mail on to him, asking him if he could check into this matter.

Within a few hours, David replied to Judy Dodge in Australia:

"Dear Judy, Perhaps it would have been simpler to list the descent of Edward Richard Dodge. William Dodge m. Catherine Arnold approx 1816. Charles their second son was born approx 1819. HIS son, Charles (who I believe to be Augustus Charles) was born in Yeovil and was 27 yr. old in 1881. Thus he was born 1854 and living at Paulton. He emigrated with his son Augustus William Dodge who was born 1878 and who is the father of Edward Richard Dodge who is now 90 and living in Australia and a very distant cousin of me!"

**THANK YOU, David!**

**Dodges from Kent, England**

We have had contact with a Dodge family who have descended from the Dodges in Kent, England. This Dodge family is mentioned in the Dodges of Essex County, by Joseph Thompson Dodge. It has been thought by some that John Dodge of Kent, England died without issue, but it is obvious that IF he did, there were others in his family who also lived in Kent, and who did have progeny.

Aside from this new contact, who lives in America, we have a member, Dr. Alan Dodge of Freshford, Bath, England, who also descends from the Dodges of Kent, England.

We are very much in hopes that one or both of these families will provide DNA so that we can know if they are in the same line as the Dodges from Yeoville and Middle Chinnock.

April Reid writes:

My family were all from Kent, England until my grandfather (John James David Dodge) left in 1951.

My great great grandparents were Joseph & Elizabeth Dodge. Their children were Frank Dodge, David Stephen George Dodge, Elizabeth Dodge, Joe Dodge, Amos Dodge and Hilda Dodge.

David Stephen George Dodge married Rose Waters and had John James David Dodge, my grandfather.

John James David Dodge married Mary Elliott and had Linda Joyce Dodge and David Joseph Dodge and Linda Joyce Dodge married Phil Hanum and had me (April Jennifer Hanum Reid)



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The View  
From  
My Window



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Fall is here. This is my favorite time of year, the season of cool crisp days, leaves turning color, and pumpkins, squash, and apples piled up at the farmer's.

I remember how I loved this season when I was growing up in Weston, Massachusetts.

There, the leaves turned wonderfully bright red, orange, and yellow. We saw a little bit of that color last week when we were in Massachusetts for the Dodge Reunion, but the color had really just begun.

Years ago when our children were still at home, we would travel east to visit relatives every year, usually in July or August, but on one of our trips east during late September or early October, we were driving in New Hampshire and as we topped a hill, there ahead of us were rolling hills that looked as if they were on fire. It was a rainy day, but the colors were showing bright regardless.

At that time, I was into taking photos with slide film, and I took many pictures. I was so disappointed when we got home to see that they were dark and the colors did not show up as brilliantly as in real life. In this day and age, that would not matter because they could put into the computer and using photo software, much of that darkness could be done away with.

I remember walking to and from school each day, scuffing in the leaves that were blown onto the sidewalk.

The school in Weston provided all our school supplies but I loved going to the local 5 & 10 cent store to get a few school type items to use at home.

The first fall after I graduated from high school, I felt sadly left out as I saw the children going to school. It was not that I wanted to go back to class and study, it was just a nostalgic feeling that I was being left behind.

I have noticed the same thing this year in our grandson, Joshua, who graduated last spring from college.

He has seemed to be at loose ends and finally bought himself a round trip ticket to Greenville, South Carolina in order to visit his buddies who had not yet graduated. He will be back well before this Journal is mailed, and will start his new job which is with Adam's Aviation based at Centennial Airport about 20 minutes south. Adams Aviation makes jet planes out of composite materials. He will be starting in the composite shop.

Joshua will be working for 2 years in order to gain the experience he needs for his future work in missionary aviation, and will also be paying off his loan.

Burt Rutan is the person who pioneered composite structure for aircraft, and in his early days, when he had built the first VariEze, Calvin and I decided to build one also. Supposedly, it could be built in 3 months so we chose the identification number of 478EZ because we would have it fin-

ished in April of 1978. A few years later...we did almost finish our VariEze but one of those strong gusts of wind that suddenly materialize from the mountains up near Boulder whipped down and ripped off the canopy of our Eze which was tied down at a small airport in Longmont. That plus a couple of other things that happened made big setbacks in the time schedule, and really discouraged us to the point of giving up.

I sold everything, including all tools and the engine to a man from Kansas for \$3000. It was well over 10 years later that Calvin got a call one day and was told that 478EZ was finally flying. We have both talked about possibly flying again, but the costs are prohibitive for us and that is just as well. Other things have become more important. We will live our dreams through grandson/nephew, Joshua.

Barbara

Marriage certificate Robert DODGE and Sarah (CARPENTER) WEEKS, Aug. 19, 1784.

Whereas there has been Intention of Marriage Between Robert DODG of North Castle in the County of westchester and State of New York, and Sarah WEEKS daughter of Joseph CARPENTER of the same place & Ame CARPENTER his wife deceased; and they having declared their Intention before Several Monthly Meetings of the people caled Quakers at the Purchase & Shapaqua according to the good order used amongst sd. people: whose proceedings after a deliberate consideration and consent of parents; nothing appearing to obstruct their sd. Intention was approved by sd. Monthly Meeting.

Now these are to certify all whom it may concern that for the accomplishing their sd. Intentions this 19th day of ye Eighth mo 1784; the sd. Robert DODG and Sarah WEEKS presented themselves in a publick meeting of sd. people and others at the Meeting house at Shapaqua the sd. Robert DODG taking the sd. Sarah WEEKS by the hand did in solemn manner declare that he took her to be his wife promising to be

unto her a true and loving Husband untill death Should Seperate them; then and there in the same manner the sd. Sarah WEEKS did also declare that she took ye sd. Robert DODG to be her husband promising to be a true and loving wife untill Death, or to that affect. Moreover ye sd. Robert DODG and Sarah his wife did then and there set their names, She assuming ye name of her now husband as a further confirmation of their Marriage

Robert DODGE  
Sarah DODGE

and whose names are hereunto Subscribed being amongst others at the Solemnization of sd. Marriage and Subscription as aforesd. have also as witnesses set our hand to these presents.

Reubin HAIGHT, Jeremiah DODGE, Martha THORN, Rebekka SUTTON, Caleb UNDERHILL, Joseph LEGET, Amy UNDERHILL, Elizabeth UNDERHILL, David MARSHALL, Obediah QUINBY, Sarah WEEKS, Elizabeth TUTHILL, Robert RUNNELS, Hannah UNDERHILL, Ann RUNNELS, Phebe DICKENSON, Elnathan THORN, Marcy UNDERHILL, Rosanna SKIDMORE

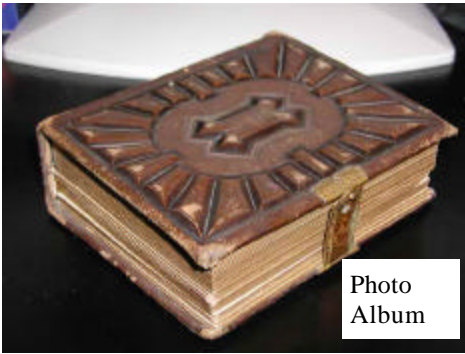


Photo Album

(Photo Album for Sale - Continued from page 1) names, or if, instead, this is similar to a birth, marriage, death register. We are in the dark about what the word 'missing' means when it appears after the name.

- Mr. Solomon Dodge
- Mrs. Solomon Dodge
- Solomon Dodge Jr
- Mrs. Solomon Dodge Jr
- William Dodge (Missing)
- Mrs. William Dodge,
- Charles Dodge
- Edward Dodge
- Phineus Dodge
- Robert Gregg (Missing)



Open Photo Album

- Mimi Gregg
- Batchelder Dodge
- Mrs. Batchelder Dodge
- Mr. Richards
- Mrs. Richards
- Mr. James Christie
- Mrs. Blair
- Mr. Blair
- Mr. Israel Dodge
- Mrs. Israel Dodge
- William Dodge (Antrim)
- Amos Dodge (Concord)
- Earnest Dodge
- Almon Dodge
- Mrs. Almon Dodge
- Mr. Bartlett
- Mrs. Bartlett
- Roger Atwood
- Mary Atwood

- Henry Dodge
- Emma Dodge
- Ella Dodge
- Mrs. Solomon Dodge
- Marie Hamell
- Judson Langdall & Wife
- Fanny Morse
- and several others, not ID'd

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Edward Buxton Dodge

**Dodges in Sheldon Town, Genesee, New York: Sent by Wesley Craig of St. George, Utah**

**Joseph Dodge m. Elizabeth Flower.** He was a soldier of the Revolution; moved to Sheldon, NY in 1833; Joseph d. at Humphrey's Hollow, Wyoming Co, NY on Jan 12, 1835 ( from Humphrey's Hollow Cemetery.)

Children:

1. **James Flower Dodge** - b. 1792; d. May 23 1862 at Humphrey's Hollow, aged 70y 8m. 24d. m. **Sally A. \_\_\_\_\_** b. 1827 and d. at Humphrey's Hollow at age 55 yr
2. **William Dodge** - b. 1787; d. 9 Mar 1842; buried at Humphrey's Hollow, age 70y 8m. 24 d.
3. **Newell Dodge** - b. 1789; d. 22 Mar 1844 at Humphrey's Hollow, aged 55 yrs.

**Dodges in Genessee, New York: Sent by Wesley Craig of St. George, Utah**

- Samuel Dodge** b. 1781; married **Roxina**. Samuel buried in Swales, Erie Co. Cemetary
- Elijah Dodge** b. 1815; purchased land in Holland Twp (Holland Land Purchase recds). It is possible that Elijah was born in Brookfield, NY, son of **Moses Dodge**, b. 1746 in MA
- Anna A. Dodge** b. 1818, living in Sardinia, Erie Co., in 1866; d. 1886
- Shedrich Dodge** b. 1819; Murray, Genesee Co. (from LDS IGI)
- John N. Dodge** b. 1828 Genesee Co. (Pembroke); son of **Harvey Dodge and Emeline Nash**; (from IGI)
- George Dodge** of Holland, Erie, NY b. 1837 - d. 1895; son of **Millard and Hannah Dodge**.
- Esther Dodge** b. 1844 in Delevan, Erie Co., NY; m. **William Harwood** (*line of Wesley Craig*)
- David Dodge** b. 1848 - Holland, Erie, NY; son of **Daniel Dodge** b. 1822 and **Mary Harwood**; David m. **Jennie Steers** and d. in Mt. Home, Idaho
- Mary Dodge** d. 1865; daughter of **Thomas and Delia M. Dodge**; buried at E. Aurora Cem, Erie Co., NY
- Esther Dodge** b. 1865; m. **William H. Harwood** in Delevan NY
- Annie E. Dodge** b. 1868 Sardinia, Erie Co
- Orvin N. Dodge** b. 1872; m. **Anna E. Bondelow** in E. Aurora, Erie Co., NY (Holland Clerk Rcds.)
- Delbert Dodge** b. 1876; d. in Swales, Erie Co., in 1942
- Samuel Dodge** b. 1878; son of **Charles Dodge and Sally Carpenter** (of Wales, Erie, NY) (Holland Town Rcds)
- Hannah Ber Dodge** b. 1881 - m. **Adelbert Dodge**, S. Wales, Erie, NY
- George Dodge** d 1895. Holland, Erie, NY
- Thomas Dodge** d. 1895, Elma, Erie, NY age 73y 6m 9d
- George W. Dodge**, son of **Orvin N. Dodge** m. **Lucy L. Carpenter**, Holland, Erie, NY

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Below: Larry Dodge of Montana, Libertarian Party candidate in 1982



and numerous other Dodges served in both the Republican and Democratic parties as state legislators and in other positions of trust. Dodge Park in Worcester is named for former mayor George Dodge. My great, great grandfather, Issachar Dodge, helped to organize the Free Soil Party in Massachusetts, an anti-slavery group that led to the founding of the Republican Party.



Interspersed throughout this article are various political buttons from my campaign in 2004, a Libertarian Dodge who ran in Montana and some from other candidates to give you an idea of some that have been used over the years in various campaigns. Actually there are two Dodge descen-

dants running for President. Board member Charles Dodge of California who helps greatly in our genealogical research discovered that Sen. John Kerry is descended from Richard Dodge (arrived in 1638) and his son Edward. This makes him my 9<sup>th</sup> cousin. He has the Same relationship to Vice President Norman Dodge and is an 8<sup>th</sup> cousin, once removed, to Col. Robert L. Dodge, our Association Founder. Dodges have been diverse politically



but all have been patriotic with a great love of their homeland whether that was the USA, England or another nation. Whatever our views we should all take our citizenship seriously, voting faithfully and expressing our views about important issues.



We would be interested to hear of other Dodges past or present who are involved in politics at the national state or local level.



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**DODGE TOUR**

I made an error on the form at the bottom of our last letter. The correct dates being considered for the Seventh Dodge Tour are in 2006 or 2007. We are thinking of focusing on Southern England in Devon, Somerset and Cornwall counties aside from our visit to Stockport.

If you have any interest in possibly coming with us then please let us know and we will keep you posted as plans progress.

**REUNIONS**

The Nineteenth Annual Dodge Family New England Reunion was a great success. People were present from California, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington and England.

Our English guest was Albert Hill who lives near Halliday House, the Dodge ancestral home. He said he should change his name to Dodge hill since this is his third Dodge Reunion. Albert was also with us in Stockport in June.

Charlotte Dodge of Ipswich displayed part of her memorabilia collected from a long-time pen pal relationship with former President Ronald Reagan. A number of new members were present and a great time of fellowship and outstanding food made the day one to remember.

Founder Col. Robert L. Dodge and Association President Everett J. Dodge both brought greetings to those at the Reunion Barbar Dodge and Norman Dodge gave updates on various Association projects. Treasurer Joe Klein provided lovely piano music during the pre-dinner fellowship time and accompanied Earl Dodge who sang the WW II song "This Is Worth Fighting For".

The Twentieth Annual N.E. Dodge Reunion will be held again at the Hart House on October 1, 2005. Why not save that date and plan to be with us in



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**GENEALOGY  
REQUESTS  
COLUMN**  
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**H**ello to All. Seattle has had SUNNY weather all Summer. We have had very little rain, most unusual for us.

**Now it is time** once again to turn my attention to Dodge Mysteries or disconnected Branches. This month I have had tremendous help from my wife Eileen. She has been going through the Dodge Requests page and has tied in a lot of requests that are over 6 years old. Some were merely expanded and are now on our web site in our Mystery files; some were actually tied into families already listed on our Dodge files.

**Beverly J. Shaw** is requested information for a Nelson Dodge b. Canada and a Sarah Jane ? born Canada. We had a birth date for a Sarah Jane but nothing else. Eileen discovered that we had a Horatio N. Dodge in our John Branch data base. Through census and other things, she discovered that the two were connected. She came up with a marriage date and a maiden name of Reed or Sarah J. Unknown. We have tied this one in to our John Branch.

**Recent info** has come to us on a CD that was acquired from the NEHGS covering the Churches in Boston Massachusetts. These have a variety of records covering Baptisms, Marriages, Births and Deaths in the City of Boston Massachusetts. Some info has been gleaned from this CD.

**Another item** from this last month, was from a person in Maryland asking if we could fix his genealogy. He was a Dodge and his mother changed his name to ? He has a sister who changed her name back to Dodge. His Father was a Bert M. Dodge. About the same time another person asked if we could find for their grandchild, her connection to her father his name was a Bert M. Dodge. We had this person in our data base and connected this grandchild to her father. We also told her she had a living sibling that she never knew existed. Wow! What a bonanza to discover living family you had no idea existed. We were able to put them in touch with each other.

**I had a marriage** in New Hampshire between Carroll F. Dodge and Louise E. Lieby. On June 25, 1925 in Whitefield, Coos Co., New Hampshire I looked for the ancestry of Carroll F. Dodge. I had his Parents as William F. Dodge and Harriet M. Somes. With the help of Chuck Dodge, Bill Kuehnling & Eileen, my wife, I finally tied this in to Charles E. Dodge b. in Booth Bay, Lincoln Co., Maine. It turns out that his father, Charles, is in R. L. D. Pg. 245 listed under 666-4. Everd Dodge was b. 2 Aug 1841. The problem here is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of the father, Charles, is listed as Charles E. Dodge in one census report and in a census report for another year, he is listed as Everd C. Dodge.

**A new mystery** is the parents of Benjamin Dodge b. in 1788, married Sally Loud and died in Monroe, Waldo Co., Maine. The popular theory is that Benjamin was b. in Beverly, MA... but to whom? Beverly Vital records do not reveal a Benjamin born at the proper time.

**We still continue** to search for the parents of Shubal Dodge. This Shubal probably was b. in Maine or New York. This family has been determined to be Tristram due to DNA testing. We have added several descendants. We now suspect after searching the Vital records of both Middlesex, Vermont & Concord, New Hampshire that perhaps we should look to Canada or New York.

**Another Dodge** is James H. or N. Dodge b. Connecticut with a wife,

Nancy Pierce. They were married Jan. 3, 1835 in Ashford, Connecticut. We are looking for this couple.

**We also continue** to search for Aaron & Lydia's Dodge Ancestors. These Dodes have been determined to be from William and/or Richard by DNA testing. Aaron Dodge has been traced back to Wiscasset, Lincoln Co., Maine, b. January 11, 1791, anyone with info please contact: Janeen Peters res038yp@verison.net

**DNA** still proves to be a valuable tool in determining Dodge lines. In the last Journal you would have read that we met with Dodes from England while there on our tour. We now know that David Dodge, Mark Dodge, and brothers Brian and Trevor Dodge, are all in the 'John Branch' family, possibly descending from Michael, the brother of William and Richard who did not leave England.

**W**hile in Stockport, England, we were met by Paul Dodge who brought his two sons, Christian, age 18, and Ashley, age 12. His DNA is now back and matches that of Ralph Dodge on New Zealand. They both fall into the category that we call Tristram, although in their case, it would be a common ancestor with Tristram possibly as early as the 1400s. More genealogy research needs to be done in England.

**C**orrection from the last journal... There is no 'e' on the end of the name, Robert Everett Dodge .

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the area where the family began in America.

The Twentieth Annual California Dodge Reunion will be held at the Miramar Marine Base, north of San Diego, on Saturday, January 22. Col. Robert L. Dodge is in charge of arrangements. All California and adjacent community members will get a letter with reservation form late in December. Others may get the information by writing us or Emailing at barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net.

#### MEMBERS

Our membership now is just a few shy of 800. We still have the goal of 1,000 members. Why not make a list

of your children and other relatives who are not yet members. Send those with complete addresses, phone numbers, spouse name and Email if applicable. We will do the rest. This thoughtful gift for just \$20 per membership is a wonderful present and may result in more family data coming to benefit us all.

**T**he films of our Sixth Dodge Tour have been placed on VHS and DVD. The DVD was shown on the display table at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich. If you wish to have a set of two tapes or two DVD films please send \$20 and your mailing address. Checks for this item only should be payable to Barbara Dodge. 